

**WITNESSES
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Reported That Several
Who

Figured in Alleged
Perjury

and Bribery Efforts Have Left for Parts Unknown.

That some of the accused investigators and witnesses in the Frank case have departed for parts unknown, in the face of indictments that are being drawn by Assistant Solicitor E. A. Stephens, is the rumor that has reached the office of Solicitor Dorsey.

An investigation is being promoted into the report, and a vigorous effort will be made to produce all persons against whom grand jury action will be taken. Dorsey would not talk of the rumor to a reporter for *The Constitution* yesterday, and neither would he divulge the identities of the people against whom accusations are being drawn for the grand jury.

It has been talked for the past few days that there has been an exodus of a number bribery, coercion and perjury incidents that arose during the recent Frank case developments. The rumors impelled the solicitor to put a force of investigators at work to inquire into the reported situation.

No Action Yet Taken.

Thus far no action has been taken to hold any of the persons involved in the numerous charges. It has been stated that the solicitor prefers to air the scandals before the grand jury and leave the matter of action in the hands of that body. Dorsey would not say, however, whether or not he would issue warrants

in event his investigators discovered that accused witnesses and agents were seeking to escape prosecution by fleeing the city.

The Frank case probe will be made by the grand jury next Friday morning. The jury met Wednesday morning and, throughout the day, cleared its calendar of all routine business in preparation for the perjury, bribery and coercion investigation tomorrow. The body will be in adjournment all today.

The John L. Tye motion to reverse the Frank verdict, which, if victorious, will set the convicted man free, will be called before Judge Hill Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. It was stated from the solicitor's office Wednesday, however, that still further postponement of the hearing would be asked by Dorsey, as he has not had sufficient time to completely prepare his counter showing.

Mangum's Affidavit.

An interesting development in Dorsey's preparation of the fight he is to make against the Tye proposition was an affidavit signed yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Wheeler Mangum in regard to Frank's waiver of presence from the courtroom at the time the verdict of guilty was delivered.

Mangum's document, however, sheds but little light on the question of whether or not Frank was aware that his presence had been waived. The sheriff testifies that he received no orders to bring Frank to the courtroom on that afternoon.

Detective Burns, if he returns to Atlanta, is likely to face serious charges from various directions. It is proposed to hale him before Recorder Broyles to explain his alleged failure to comply with his pact with the board of police commissioners to present for approval every operative in his employ to the police department.

Dorsey will seek to probe Burns' alleged connection with the Ragsdale accusation of bribery, when the Ragsdale matter comes before the grand jury. Judge Ben Hill is also seeking to deal with

the noted sleuth in the contempt proceedings which arose from the Annie Maud Carter episode.

Will Draw Indictments.

A half-dozen or more indictments

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will be drawn either today or during the remainder of the week against persons involved in the Frank case on charges of perjury and subornation of perjury.

It was rumored Wednesday that a number of the attorneys comprising Frank's counsel will be subpoenaed to appear as witnesses before the grand jury. The report, however, could not be verified, as attaches to the staff of Solicitor Dorsey refused to discuss the situation.

The perjury and perjury-subornation indictments will be drawn against witnesses for both the defense and prosecution, it is said, and against certain agents who have worked on the Frank investigation.
